

Sunday Morning, Nov. 7, 1869.

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Auction Sales To-morrow.

J. P. DAVIES & CO., Wharf street, will sell at 11 o'clock, at sale-room, Groceries and Provisions, Ex bark Rival Iron Wire, Chairs, Tobacco, Matches, &c.

The George S. Wright in the Great Gale.

The last trip of the steamship George S. Wright from Portland was attended with peculiarly terrifying circumstances. The steamer had on board the Wilson Circus, consisting of about thirty lady and gentlemen passengers and attendants, four African lions, a bear, two lambs, four monkeys, a woolly calf and a dozen horses—the latter animals specially trained for the purposes of the Circus. The live stock were all in the forward part of the ship—the lions being confined in their cage and the horses and other animals fastened with halters to the guards. The steamer crossed the bar early on Sunday morning, and with a fair breeze sped rapidly along towards the Straits. Everything went well with the travelers until about 1 o'clock on Monday morning, when the steamer was in full view of Cape Flattery light and within forty-five minutes sail of a safe harbor. The passengers were sleeping peacefully in their berths, when suddenly a gale of unparalleled fury swept down upon the vessel with scarcely any warning of its approach. The steamer rolled and plunged before the force of the tempest; the sea rose and great, angry-looking billows swept down upon and over the devoted ship. Instantly all was confusion in the forward part of the steamer. The horses fastened there were the first to feel the shock. The dashing of the waves over the bows met and chilled the poor brutes, and soon the decks becoming too slippery for them to maintain their feet, one by one they slipped and fell, and being unable to rise were tossed helplessly from side to side as the ship rolled and plunged. The lions in their cage roared with rage and alarm at the unusual motion to which they were subjected, and threatened to break out every minute; the lambs and the woolly calf bleated with terror, and the monkeys and performing bear broke from their fastenings and, uttering plaintive cries, took refuge in the cabin, where the terrified male and female passengers, some of whom had hastily thrown on a few articles of clothing, were huddled, regarding each other with an expression of mute despair. The oldest traveler on board had never met similar weather and Capt. Rogers, finding that to proceed would be to in peril the lives of all on board, hoisted, and putting the nose of the steamer in the very eye of the wind awaited the appearance of daylight. When day dawned four of the best trained horses were found to have died—they had been bruised and ground to death on the decks and against the guards, by the jolting of the ship during the night; two other horses were found to be so desperately injured as to render their recovery a matter of very great doubt. One of the lambs was also dead from the effects of exposure and fright. The carcasses were thrown overboard and the injured ones cared for. All Monday and Tuesday night the gale continued with scarcely any intermission, and all but the most experienced seamen were prostrated with sea-sickness and kept in their rooms or lay in a state of listless wretchedness on the cabin floor the bear, the lambs, and the monkey, huddled among them for warmth and protection. On Monday night, Mr. Neustadt, purser of the steamer, who had been on deck with the captain, had occasion to visit his state-room, when he stepped upon a soft, spongy form lying across the threshold. "My friend," said the purser, "you shouldn't be there; you had better go to your berth." A feeble moan was the only response; and on looking down the purser discovered the performing bear lying there nailed dead from the combined effects of fright and exposure. The monkey exhibited the liveliest alarm. They were here, there and everywhere, seeming to approve the situation of affairs, and whenever a particularly ugly sea struck the vessel and carried her to green, they would utter shrill cries and run from person to person as if for protection. For twenty-four hours the brave little boat was driven slowly northward past the entrance of the Straits, and when about abreast of Barclay Sound early on Tuesday morning, the wind lulled almost as quickly as it had sprung up. The order to "go ahead" was given from the deck and in a few hours the G. S. Wright was steering through the comparatively smooth waters of the Straits and her weary and worn passengers crawled out of their hiding-places to thank God for their almost miraculous escape, and to gaze upon the bright blue sky and bask in the revivifying rays of the autumn sun. The ship passed through the fearful ordeal unscathed. The circus company lost about \$5000 in animals.

THE GREAT WORLD CIRCUS.—The gale of Saturday split the canvas of the Circus and prevented the company making their bow to a Victoria audience. The success of an onward circumstances that has attended Mr. Wilson and his troupe since leaving Portland is much to be regretted, and entitles them to active sympathy. They have had to do battle continually with the elements and at a cost of which the public is already apprised. We can only indulge the hope that with a change of wind will come a change of fortune. To-morrow evening the company will make their first appearance in Victoria, and we speak for them a tent so full that it will be rent with the pressure.

A "JACK OF ALL TRADES" was brought before the Police Magistrate yesterday on a charge of being a rogue and a vagabond. The prisoner had visited several tradesmen and representing himself as a shoemaker, a tailor, or a tinsmith, managed to secure several small loans. Finding a gentleman whom he thought ought to be a Fenian, the rogue announced himself a Citizen of the Irish Republic. The name he gives here is James Clark. The depositions of his victims were taken yesterday and Clark stands remanded for three days.

THE G. S. WRIGHT will go to Nanaimo for coal and sail for Portland on or about Tuesday next. We learn that both the Wright and the fair will be kept permanently on this route and that the Wright will be altered and improved to adapt her to the passenger trade. It is probable that both steamers will henceforth come into this harbor before going to Puget Sound.

No WAR has as yet made its appearance for the elections in Yale or Saanich districts.

FROM THE MAINLAND.—The steamer Enterprise arrived in Cadboro Bay at three o'clock yesterday afternoon, where she anchored to ride out the blow. Messrs McCraight, Robertson, Walker, Aikman, D'Ve, Stamp, Nicholson, Elliott, Poolley, Crease, and several other passengers walked in to town from the bay, arriving at 5 1/2 o'clock. A number of her passengers remained on board the steamer and will come around to-day. The A-sizes at New Westminster are over. The jury who tried Price for murder brought in a special verdict to the effect that Price fired at the Indian to disable and deliver him to justice; that the Indian had committed a felony and was armed with a loaded gun and a knife. The Chief Justice after hearing the Attorney General for the Crown and Mr. Robertson for the prisoner, decided that the verdict was equivalent to an acquittal and the prisoner was discharged. The Indian indicted for the murder of Perry, and the Indian for killing Murphy, in 1861, were both convicted of murder and sentenced to death. The injunction case of the B.C. & V.I. Co. was argued at great length by Messrs Walker and Robertson for plaintiff, instructed by Mr. Aikman; and on the part of the defendant, by Mr. McCraight, instructed by Mr. Davis. The Chief Justice, after the close of the argument, stated that he would take time to consider. We have since been informed that judgment will be given on Tuesday next. The little steamer Sea Foam has been partially destroyed by fire at Burrard Inlet—the work of an incendiary. The Indian Peter, under sentence of death for the murder of Murphy, has confessed his guilt. The B.C. & V.I. Mills have not yet resumed operations. A man named Macnamara, a carpenter, was drowned on Thursday night in going between Portuguese Joe's and Jack Deighton's.

FROM THE EAST COAST.—The steamer Sir James Douglas, from Comox, Nanaimo, etc., with passengers and stock, put into Cadboro Bay yesterday afternoon, having found it impossible to round Trial Island during the gale. Mr. Dunsen and three or four other passengers walked into town from the bay. The Queen Charlotte Coal miners, who left Skidegate Bay in a canoe some 20 days ago, have reached Nanaimo and three or four of their number arrived in town last evening. The Douglas carried away her job on the trip down.

GREAT GIFT ENTERTAINMENT ON MONDAY EVENING.—Professor Morey is going to outdo even himself in generosity. He has arranged a great gift entertainment for to-morrow evening, the leading prizes in which will be a silver tea service valued at \$40. The price of admittance will be as before—50 cents to all parts of the house. The service may be seen at the jewelry store of Mr. Jungermann.

THE NINTH.—To-day, the 9th, is announced in the Government Gazette as a public holiday, or a holiday at the public offices. In the city the day will be devoted to the important work of selecting a Mayor and Council for the ensuing civic year. Perhaps the anniversary of the birth of the Prince of Wales could not be more profitably observed.

MERCHANT SHIPPING (COLONIAL) ACT, 1869. Such is the title of an Imperial Act passed last May, and which has become the law of this Colony by a Proclamation issued by the Governor last week. The Act appeared in Saturday's Gazette.

THE \$20 PRIZE.—Mr. John Dick was the fortunate winner of the \$20 prize last evening at Professor Morey's entertainment. The customary excellent performance was given and the usual number of prizes awarded. The Professor is a "success."

LAID OVER.—The Gold Commissioner for Cariboo has notified that on and after the 1st November, 1869, all mining claims in the District of Cariboo are laid over till the 20th May, 1870.

The terrific blow of yesterday is suggestive of fearful damage on land as well as at sea. We shouldn't much like to have been a ship and in the Straits about the time the blow sprang up. Intelligence from the coast will be looked for with some anxiety.

The wiring and sealing absurdity, we are glad to learn, is likely to be discontinued at Portland as it has been at the more enlightened port of San Francisco. A more absurd and ridiculous system was never introduced.

We are glad to learn that Mr. John Gordon McKay is a candidate for re-election as Councillor for James Bay Card.

The steamer Emma, detained by the high wind, did not go to Comox yesterday.

By Electric Telegraph.

SPECIAL TO THE DAILY BRITISH COLONIST.

LAST NIGHT'S DISPATCHES.

Canada.

TORONTO Nov. 3.—The Parliament of Ontario opened this afternoon. Governor Howland, in his opening address refers to the abundant harvest, activity in manufactures and railway enterprise, the increasing demand for labor and the success of measures taken to promote immigration. He recommends increased efforts and expenditure to induce still larger immigration to Ontario. He announces that the provisional revenue for the past year is more than adequate to meet demands.

Eastern States.

CHICAGO Nov. 4.—The Tribune figures that the Constitutional Convention is composed of 46 Republicans and 39 Democrats. Indians in Minnesota are that a republic in Governor has been elected by about 2,000 majority, and the balance of the State ticket by 5,000. The average republican majority in Wisconsin is 8,000. The Republicans lose several members of legislature.

ALBANY Nov. 4.—The Argus claims the election of the Democratic State ticket by 24,000 majority, with 18 Democratic Senators and 70 Democratic members of the Assembly.

CHICAGO Nov. 3.—The Citizen's ticket in the city and county is elected entire. The Tribune claims 7,000 majority for the Republicans, but thinks it may not exceed 5,000.

BOSTON Nov. 3.—The legislature stands 141 Republicans to 29 Labor Reformers and 49 Democrats. The Senate 30 Republicans to 9 Democrats and 1 Labor Reformer. Governor Claflin is re-elected by a plurality of ten to fifteen thousand.

BALTIMORE Nov. 2.—The vote of the City is unusually low. Every precinct is every ward gives a Democratic majority. The Democrats on legislative ticket received a majority of 6,000.

Europe.

LONDON Nov. 3.—ev. Mr Temple, the recently appointed Bishop of Exeter, in reply to an address, expressed that as a Bishop, he might know nothing of parties in the church but co-operate with all.

The Times, in an article on the influence of Rome, says the Catholic church must be withdrawn from under Roman protection, and the city of Rome from the Ecclesiastical dominion. It is only by ceasing to be Italian and sovereign, that the Pope can aspire to become universal Pontiff.

MADRID Nov. 3.—Gen. Prim to-day presented to the Cortez the members of the reconstructed ministry and expected that the question of royal candidature was the cause of the ministerial crisis, and declared that the government would remain faithful to the principles of the revolution.

LONDON, Dec 4.—It is now asserted that the recent contemplated interview between Emperor Francis Joseph and King Victor Emmanuel will take place at Brindisi, in the latter part of November.

A Glimpse at British Columbia.

LETTER NO. 2.

In my last letter I left my readers at San Francisco. I shall, with their permission, detain them a moment. To describe the Golden City itself is superfluous, as volumes have been penned by both travellers and 'Special Correspondents' upon this great commercial and mineral capital of the Pacific. I must not, however, omit to acknowledge the unbounded hospitality of its people. No rank or title is needed to ensure the most cordial of receptions; and a welcome unsurpassed in Eastern lands awaits the delivery of your letter of introduction.

In the pursuit of information respecting the Colony I was surprised to find that from my American friends I could glean none. Their knowledge dated back and was confined to "the Fraser River Excitement of 1858" and the large exodus of Californians which followed in its train. The newspapers studiously avoid all notice of the Colony, save when policy dictates a parade of its failures or the consideration of its existence in connection with the "Monroe doctrine" and the American creed of "Manifest destiny." Their columns, if not filled with political articles are devoted to the commendable task of 'writing up' their own outlying districts and unpeopled territories. While here I may as well advert to the threatened

CAPTURE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Flaming placards induced me to attend the lecture of Mr. George Francis Train. His audience was large, his hearers thibarian, and his story of Ireland's wrongs found them deeply sympathetic. His vulgar declamation was mistaken for eloquence. The might of his arm to avenge and denigrate was measured by the power of his tongue to assail and traduce. The cell for volunteers was answered with cheers—but with cheers only. The greatest excitement prevailed, and the blood of the finest peasantry in the world mounted to fever heat—a condition, by the way, not altogether abnormal to the race. Aded by Irish impulse and Irish imagination, in a few moments recruits were enlisted, battalions formed, torrid hopes selected and the "United Sassenach" driven from the soil. A new Kingdom was founded upon the conquest, and George Francis with characteristic liberality bestowed the sceptre upon himself. An "Omnibus" was raised. The "Keeper of the King's Conscience"—a rather difficult post—was filled by an embryo lawyer. The valiant blacksmith behind me was to be "Groom of the Stable," and the fair Biddy beside me to be "First Lady of the Bedchamber." The interdict was passed that, in the Great Council of State no Briton should sit, save such Scots in the Hudson Bay service as spoke or understood Gaelic. The Irish harp, so long mute should once more

"Its soul of music breathe," and Tara's Hall (wonderfully like Government House) should resound with its strains. To crown all, St. Patrick's bantaly condescended to barish the snakes and frogs from the worthless rock and swamp land in the vicinity of Victoria. Alas for Ireland! a night's sleep—and the morning found the kingdom evanescent, the great Officers of State at the verge and the hollow, and My Lady of the Bedchamber deep in the mysteries of the wash-tub. The ephemeral King, as subsequent events have shown, alone reaped harvest from the enterprise.

VICTORIA.

Viewed from the harbor Victoria is not at first sight attractive, but it is impressive may be due to the pleasant reminiscences still lingering in the mind of the recent visitor to San Francisco. The city is beautifully situated, and its climate unrivalled on this continent. The scenery, viewed from Beacon Hill, is sublime; and the long stretches of beautiful verdure with here and there meet the eye form a delightful relief and pleasing contrast to the sand-hills of San Francisco. Nature has indeed been prodigal in her gifts, but Art alas! has done little for this favored spot. In the vicinity of the town a few farms of considerable size have been worked—and with great success—upon thoroughly scientific principles; but large tracts of most desirable land are held by speculators at prices which forbid the idea of purchase. The same objections to leaseholds, which obtain in other countries, exist here; and a title still is thus practically reduced to the value of the barren rocks that form the promontories and headlands of the island. To this system of leaseholds may be attributed the tenacious conclusion of many of the shops and dwelling houses of Victoria. A few years ago the city had an energetic population of some 6000 people, among whom was a large sprinkling of artisans and useful mechanics. They came, in the majority of instances, unable to purchase, and therefore were compelled to lease the lot upon which they desired to build. They had no interest in the property beyond the wooden tenement erected for a home, and when trade declined they preferred to abandon it and leave the Colony rather than pay a heavy ground rent, or an amount of purchase money measured by a fictitious prosperity. It would be pre-emption in me to offer advice to a matter of this nature; but surely facts so patent ought to convince the few large land holders of Victoria that their own interest would be served by selling some portion of their land at its present and not at a prospective value. Every improvement made on the portions so sold must inevitably increase the value of the adjoining waste—for such it is. The system at present pursued, no doubt, in a great measure accounts

for the slow progress made in farming, notwithstanding the heavy protective tariff now in force. It seems absurd to find, upon looking at the imports, that wheat is bought in considerable quantities for 'chicken feed' and that American hay, with a almost prohibitive duty of \$4 a ton, finds a market here. To many other articles the same remarks may be applied, and I propose dealing with them more fully hereafter.

The despondency of Victoria bears a marked contrast to the cheerfulness and hope exhibited in the outlying districts and in the upper country. A visit to any one of the districts to the north or east of the City, will convince the reader of the truth of this statement.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—The change of temperature and weather frequently upset persons who are most cautious of their health and most particular in their diet. These corrective, purifying, and cost-effective pills are the best remedy for all defective actions of the digestive organs; they augment the appetite, strengthen the stomach, correct biliousness and carry off all that is noxious from the system. Holloway's Pills are composed of rare balsams, united with pector matter, and on that account are peculiarly well adapted for the young, delicate, and aged. As this peaceful medicine has gained such a high reputation for its efficacy in the future by its renovating and invigorating qualities, and its incapability of doing harm.

Auction Sales.

AUCTION.

BRITISH COLUMBIA & VANCOUVER ISLAND SPARE LUMBER AND SAWMILL CO. (Limited).

Preliminary Notice.

To be sold by Auction, by order of the Mortgagees.

LUMLEY FRANKLIN is instructed by the Mortgagees to offer for sale by Public Auction

At his Sale-rooms, Yates Street,

On Wednesday, Dec. 22,

At 12 O'CLOCK, NOON,

The Sawmill at Burrard Inlet together with a large quantity of extra Machinery, Gang Saws, Planing Machines, &c. now lying at the Mill.

The MILL SITE comprises 243 Acres of Freehold Land, and the Mill is acknowledged to be the best, and capable of turning out more lumber per day than any on this coast.

The TUBER LANDS comprise 15,000 Acres, 12,000 of which have been selected and are now being surveyed by the Government, leaving 3000 Acres still open for selection. The whole of the Timber Privileges and Freehold Land, together with various Buildings erected thereon, will be sold with the Mill.

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At the same time, by order of the Mortgagees,

The Powerful and Fast Sidewheel STEAMER "ISABEL,"

146 Tons Register, 80 Horse Power (nominal), built in 1866. The strength and speed of this steamer are too well known to require any comment. She was built under special supervision, and is in every way a desirable and well-found Steamer.

The Auctioneer would beg particularly to call the attention of Capitalists to the above Property.

Conditions of Sale and Catalogues with full particulars will be shortly published and may be had on application to

LUMLEY FRANKLIN, Auctioneer,

Yates Street, Victoria.

DRAKE, JACKSON & AIKMAN, Solicitors, Bastion Street.

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Queen Charlotte Coal Mining Company Limited.

TO THE SHAREHOLDERS.—The Directors have got for us to meet on the 8th inst. for the purpose of advancing some more money out of us. The money paid over to them on the last rates, that is the bonus money, and the money we got any more money, or in any way connected with the business, is all accounted for. Everything, including the delivery of ship loads of coal to the market—all to be completed by the end of last September, after which all would be settled. This arrangement the Directors turned out to be all humbug, and to-morrow you it would be at the time they made it. Here we are at another breakdown. This is about the wind-up of our 18th month. There is a wonderful sum of money in each year's bag, expenditure and total loss result. Where does our money go to? No one seems to know. Dare any of you ask the Directors and find out a satisfactory answer? The Directors pride themselves on not allowing you to have information, and we get to know the directions and paying for their blunders. We are now in our sixth year and going on for our seventh attempt. My own feeling in writing this is to end and to get you to do what I have often tried to persuade you to do, that is, before you grant any more money, or in any way connected with the business, is all accounted for. Everything, including the delivery of ship loads of coal to the market—all to be completed by the end of last September, after which all would be settled. This arrangement the Directors turned out to be all humbug, and to-morrow you it would be at the time they made it. Here we are at another breakdown. This is about the wind-up of our 18th month. There is a wonderful sum of money in each year's bag, expenditure and total loss result. Where does our money go to? No one seems to know. Dare any of you ask the Directors and find out a satisfactory answer? 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